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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF JRA TERRORISTS

1. LIBYANS HAVE SO FAR GIVEN NO REPEAT NO INDICATION OF WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO WITH TEN JRA TERRORISTS NOW IN THEIR CUSTODY. LIBYAN PRESS, IN REPORTING SURRENDERBY THE TERRORISTS OF THEIR ARMS TO LIBYAN OFFICIAL, SAYS THAT THIS TOOK PLACE AFTER A "DIALOGUE", AND IDENTIFIES THAT TERRORISTS POLITELY AND NEUTRALLY AS "THE JAPANESE RED ARMY GROUP".

2. WESTERN JOURNALISTS HERE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET NO INFORMATION AT ALL FROM LIBYAN OFFICIALS AS TO DISPOSITON OF TERRORISTS, ACCORDING TO UPI'S MIKE BARRETT. HE SAYS THAT PRESS PARTY AT THE AIRPORT WAS KEPT A GOOD DISTANCE AWAY FROM JAL PLANE, AND WAS UNABLE TO SEE MUCH OF WHAT WAS GOING ON. IT APPEARED TO BE A VERY SMOOTH OPERATION, BARRETT SAID. TERRORISTS WERE SEEN LOADED INTO VANS OUT OF SIGHT OF WAITING PRESS AND WERE ON THEIR WAY OUT OF AIRPORT LESS THAN ONE HOUR AFTER PLANE LANDED.

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3. LIBYAN PRESS HAS CONTINUED TO FEATURE TELEGRAMS OF THANKS

FROM JAPANESE AND MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING ONE FROM
MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER TUN ABD AL-RASAK THANKING QADHAFI
FOR HIS "GOOD INITIATIVE" IN ACCEPTING TERRORISTS. MALAYSIAN
AND JAPANESE OFFICIALS ALSO GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE UNDER LIBYAN
AUSPICES, EXPRESSING THEIR GRATITUDE FOR LIBYAN DECISION,
AND THEIR BELIEF THAT IT SAVED THEIR LIVES.

4. JAL AIRLINER WITH MALAYSIAN AND JAPANESE
OFFICIALS ON BOARD LEFT TRIPOLI AUGUST 8 ON RETURN FLIGHT
TO TOKYO VIA CAIRO.
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